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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's final Office Action of March 14, 2006 the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment to the claims and the below Remarks.

Regarding Amendment

In the Amendment:

independent claim 1 is amended to clarify that the print media guide is arranged to guide the print media across the print surface. Support for this amendment can be found at page 12, lines 23-27 and in Fig. 3 of the present application; and

dependent claims 2-4 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the above amendments do not add new matter to, nor any new issues to the prosecution of, the present application, as this arrangement of the print media guide was discussed by the Applicant in the Reply to the previous Office Action.

Regarding Claim Objections

It is respectfully submitted that the above-discussed amendment of claim 1 provides the correction required by the Examiner.

Regarding 35 USC 103(a) Rejections

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of amended independent claim 1, and claims 2-4 dependent therefrom, is not taught or suggested by Silverbrook in view of Olson (US 5,838,338) [it is noted that the basis of the rejections given in the present final Office Action is only over Olson, however the text of the rejections provides the above basis of Silverbrook in view of Olson, thus the Applicant has assumed the latter basis is correct], for at least the following reasons.

Contrary to the Examiner's contentions, Olson does not teach or suggest a print media guide, let alone a print media guide having a print media contact surface coincident with a print surface of the inkjet print head. This is because, Olson merely discloses an adaptive print media handling system 26 (used by the Examiner as the claimed print media guide) which includes a feed tray 28 (and an output tray 32) which does not have a print media contact surface which is coincident with the print surface of printheads 54,56 of pens

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50,52. That is, as can be clearly seen from Fig. 1 of Olson, the print media contact surface of the feed tray is opposed to the print surface of the printheads.

Thus, there is no motivation from the disclosure of Olson for one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the arrangement of Silverbrook to incorporate a print media guide having a print media contact surface coincident with a print surface of the inkjet print head, as is required by amended claim 1.

Thus, the subject matter of amended independent claim 1, and claims 2-4 dependent therefrom, is not taught or suggested by Silverbrook and Olson either taken alone or in combination with one another.

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It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's objections and rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

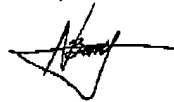
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